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Seawall repair bid opening set for April 2 in Belleville

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The second bid opening for repairs to the deteriorating seawall at Doane's Landing park has been set for April 2 at the Belleville City Council meeting.

At Monday's regular council meeting, Building Official Rick Rutherford reported that he had a Friday meeting with "new and trusted contractors" and was encouraged. He said the city is working with six possible contractors and set the bid opening date.

"I hope we get a response," he said referring to the Nov. 27 bid opening that had only one bidder with what was considered a high bid.

He said he has shared the contractors' bid list with the condominiums next door to the park. He said it would be good for the same contractor to work on the adjoining projects.

Rutherford said he hopes to get some better bids. He said he gave more information to the proposed contractors and encouraged them to bid.

He said he is really looking forward to these bids and, "I felt blown off last time by people who didn't respond or ask questions."

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

• Approved the Central Business Community's Flop-E-Bunny Candy Hunt at noon on Saturday, March 31, at Victory Park. Also at the park will be the CAF5 selling food and the Kiwanis Club;

• Approved the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce's Lakeside Strawberry 5K Run/Walk and 1K Fun Run at 8:45 a.m., Saturday June 16. Plans call for parking by the high school football field with stickers. High Street and a portion of Main will be closed for the event;

• Approved the annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive at Five Points March 23-25, from 3-7 p.m. on Friday, and noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. This is the week end of the Robotics competition at the high school;

• Approved the Memorial Day service at the Veterans Memorial on High Street at 1 p.m., May 28, put on by the Veterans of Foreign Wars 4434 and Polish League of American Veterans 167. There will be no Rolling Thunder this year. Brown Funeral Home will provide hot dogs and Grace Baptist Church will provide chairs;

• Approved the VFW 4434/PLAV 167 Buddy Poppy Sales on May 10, 11, and 12 at various locations on Main Street from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. This provides 60-70% of the income for the veterans' groups. The funds are to be returned to worthy causes in the community and not used for post expenses;

• Approved closing High Street from 7 to 9 p.m. for the ninth season of Music Lakeside concerts. Dates are June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26, Aug. 2, Aug. 9, Aug. 16, and Aug. 23. On Aug. 16 it will be run in cooperation with Taste of Belleville, with the street closing at 4 p.m. Ken Voigt who represented Music Lakeside did not announce any artists who will be performing. He asked about the five banners for the concerts that they want to hang in Horizon Park and City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said they have to have some discussion on that;

• Approved accounts payable of $81,244, and the following purchases in excess of $500: to Mueller Systems, $800 for MTU purchase for meters, Water Dept.; to Farmer & Underwood Trucking, $793.60 for sand and gravel for a water main break, Water Dept.; to Wise Technologies, $611.24 for computers / networks for various departments;

• Heard Bill Wolters report that there are 40 registered teams coming for the Robotics

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Roxana Baker is one of the docents for the 22nd-annual Quilt Show that runs at the Belleville Area Museum though March 28. Baker and Bob Green have been chairpersons of the show for about 18 years as part of the Wayne County Quilt Guild. She stands before a quilt called "Michael's Field of Dreams" made by Green for owner Michael Brown. Baker said there are 152 quilts this year, one of the largest numbers ever. The museum is open from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and noon to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. Admission is $3.

Council for the Arts wants to purchase outdoor sculpture

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Kenneth Voigt, representing the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, told the Belleville Downtown Development Authority that BACA wants to purchase an outdoor sculpture now on display in the city and present it to the City of Belleville for display wherever it sees fit.

The sculpture, leased by the DDA from the Michigan Sculpture Initiative for a year, is "Hands Held High" by Gregory Mendez. Purchase price is $2,500.

At the DDA's Feb. 21 meeting, Voigt said the council wishes to buy the sculpture now next to the gateway sign at the Belleville Bridge. He said they don't have all the money collected yet, but they are raising money for public art and that is their plan.

He said while the city could put the public art wherever it liked, where it is now is a good place as it welcomes people to the city with an uplifting symbol.

DDA coordinator Carol Thompson

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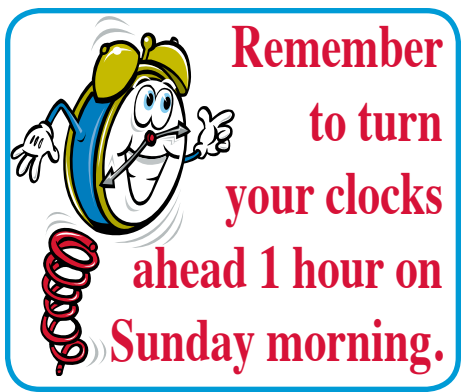
Bob Green displays some old sewing machines during the Quilt Show at the museum. He made one of the sewing machines into a lamp.



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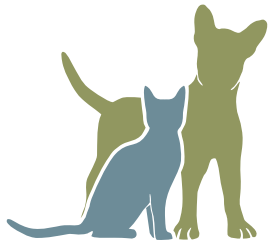

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Supervisor McNamara tries to shut Trustee Frazier up at meeting

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After Van Buren Township Trustee Sherry Frazier referred to a director going out of state for a conference and how the board's travel policy is yet to be addressed, township Supervisor Kevin McNamara became unspooled and verbally attacked Frazier.

McNamara

This was during Monday's work/study session with only one item on the agenda: A proposal for the township to enter into opioid litigation that already has 200 municipalities participating.

Before the discussion on the litigation, Supervisor McNamara answered Trustee Reggie Miller's question about the Iron Belle Trail, which was supposed to be voted on at Tuesday's meeting.

"There are a lot more moving parts than we had planned for," McNamara said. "We can offer options for what we can do now."

He said they still have the same five options and the same ones removed because they've been told the trail can't cross railroad tracks. So, they are down to two options, he said.

He said there are some issues with Sandy's Marina that they didn't anticipate before.

McNamara said Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Wright could write two or three grant applications and then the right one can be submitted by the April 1 deadline for the DNR grant they are seeking for the trail.

"Does Sandy's allow people to park on the state right of way?" asked Trustee Paul White.

McNamara said no, that Sandy's has access.

"We don't want to be responsible for someone going out of business," McNamara said, referring to the original plans that would block off with curbing an area now used by Sandy's for parking.

"We're not voting on it tomorrow," McNamara said of Tuesday's meeting. "Too many people think we can cross the railroad tracks because they've done it up north."

He said the railroad has already told the township it can't cross the tracks with the trail, but engineers are double-checking.

"The biggest issue is Sandy's parking," Trustee White said, and McNamara said there are 100 spots.

Clerk Leon Wright said the board is not following the agenda, which was a discussion on the litigation, not the trail.

Trustee Frazier said she was concerned because only one item was on the work/study agenda and they've been waiting for the travel policy to be discussed.

That's when Frazier mentioned a director, obviously Clerk Wright, going out of state for another conference. He went to Canada last year and plans to go to Virginia with his deputy clerk this year.

McNamara said the three full-time electeds "made the call" for the out-of-state travel. The three are Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Sharry Budd, and Clerk Wright.

"There's really no reason for us to have trustees," Frazier said. "As Mr. Marshall said, there's really no reason for trustees ..."

CeJay Marshall called out that Frazier was a liar and he never said that.

"I'm getting tired of hearing you," an angry McNamara said to Frazier. "I'm calling for a five-minute recess ... I'm losing control..." Then he walked out of the meeting room.

"It's a waste of time to have only one item on the agenda," Frazier continued.

"I tried to get ahold of him [McNamara] on Friday [to discuss the trail], and I couldn't. And tried to get ahold of you [Frazier] and I couldn't," Miller said.

McNamara returned to the meeting room and the meeting resumed.

"I am an equal board member here," Frazier said to McNamara. "You will not control what questions I ask and how I ask them."

McNamara said Frazier's questions are always off the mark and they are rude.

"You interrupt every single member of the board ... I'm tired of it," McNamara said.

"You are a bully!" she said to McNamara.

"You are the biggest bully on the board," he replied.

Trustee White said work/study sessions are for open discussion and Trustee Frazier is correct.

McNamara grumbled that White would support Frazier.

"You have four votes and you can do any damn thing you want, but we should be able to ask questions," White said.

He said the trustees are responsible for using every penny of the residents' tax dollars appropriately.

"Every time we spend a penny, every member has a right to question it," White said.

"I had no clue about Sandy's being a problem and I'll drive by and look at it," White said, but he didn't know exactly what to look for.

McNamara said he met with Sandy's at 1:30 that afternoon.

"When have I ever, ever not given this board information when you ask for it?" McNamara asked.

White said he didn't think 100 cars could be parked along the water at Sandy's and McNamara said that's what they say.

"We have to choose what the fix is as a board," McNamara said.

Miller asked why the Iron Belle wasn't on the agenda because the township will be spending a significant amount of money.

"Residents want to be a part of it [the discussion]," McNamara said, adding it should be discussed on Tuesday when they are present.

McNamara then said he had learned about a 1995 land swap between the township and Sandy's. He said the township traded land along Sandy's for land Sandy's owned by French Landing Dam

After a lengthy discussion on opioid litigation, Frazier said the litigation is "still about money" but it is a political issue. She said the pharmaceutical companies control politics in the U.S. She said the federal government says they are going to work on it, but they won't.

Frazier

"I can't believe I side with Trustee Frazier," McNamara said.

"That's rude," Miller stated, adding he could have just said he agreed.

McNamara said the board members will discuss the proposed litigation among themselves. The issue was going to be on the Tuesday agenda, but was removed.

White said the board's attorney Patrick McCauley should look at an updated version of the proposal.

But Frazier said, the board's decision can't be based on McCauley's recommendation since he's an attorney. A successful case would make a lot of money for the lawyers.

At the end of the work/study session, Frazier said she would like an apology from McNamara and he said he was sorry.

"I said I agreed with you," he said. "Very few people make me so upset."

Miller made a motion to adjourn and Frazier said to McNamara, "You'll be sorry, Supervisor McNamara. You'll be sorry."

"I'm sorry I lost my cool," McNamara said.

After the meeting, Frazier said she had received a letter from McNamara the day before saying Clerk Wright complained that Frazier hit him.

Frazier said Wright was walking in front of her and stopped abruptly and turned and was right in her face. She pushed his shoulder to get him back. In stepping back, she stepped into Miller, who agreed that was what happened.

"I knew it was more than what it appeared," Miller said of the meeting.

Sumpter warns blight ordinance enforcement picks up in spring

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The enforcement of the township blight ordinance picks up in the spring, Sumpter Township attorney Rob Young told the public at the Feb. 27 meeting of the township board.

He said the goal is compliance and the township will waive fines and costs and dismiss the blight case if the problem is taken care of.

Jay Bardell complained about a blighted barn on the corner of Judd and Wilmot that has been falling down for ten years. When Young asked if he had reported it to the ordinance officer, Bardell said it had been reported.

Young abruptly asked if there had been a complaint to the ordinance department and ordinance officer Peter Gregory and Bardell said he only found out two weeks ago about the pet dogs being killed by coyotes living in that barn.

"You need to call the ordinance department," Young said sharply and when Bardell asked for the number, Young said he didn't have it.

Police Chief Eric Luke said if anyone with a complaint calls the police department at 461-4833, Gregory will get the message.

In other business at the Feb. 27 meeting, the board:

• Held a moment of silence in memory of Sybil Buchanan who died Feb. 22. She had worked for the township for 23 years;

• Approved, on a 5-2 vote, Resolution 2018-07 that officially opts out of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act. This will be sent on to the state as the township's decision. Voting no were Treasurer Peggy Morgan and Trustee Sheena Barnes;

• Set a public hearing for 6 p.m., March 27, on the 2018-19 budget;

• Approved a contract with Toshiba for a 48-month lease on a new eSTUDIO 5008A copy machine. Service with Toshiba will

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OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT approves 'Option Zero' for Iron Belle Trail

There were five options proposed for the route of the state Iron Belle Trail hiking/biking link through Van Buren Township, but on Tuesday the VBT Board of Trustees approved a sixth option: Option Zero.

About 25 people were present for a public hearing on the proposed trail route and several were against the board's favorite: Option One. That link went from Lower Huron Metropark, north on Haggerty to the old Edison Lake Road and over the Huron River on an old bridge, then along East Huron River Drive to Belleville.

After discussion on the many concerns with this route, the board approved Option Zero, a new partial route that fit its budget. The board approved going out for a $300,000 DNR grant which would be matched by $100,000 from the township, for a trail segment from Edgemont Street in the city of Belleville to Riggs Park at Martinsville Road in VBT.

This route will get the Iron Belle Trail link started in VBT with many options for the future when more government and private grants will be sought.

About 10 people spoke, including Steve Ortner, who said a friend showed him last week's *Independent*. He poked his finger at the front page and said that was his place and he had a deed for the roadway they planned to use as part of Option 1. A committee will be formed to recommend a future route to the board.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW ...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Menards has announced it will open its new Van Buren Township store in early June. Ron Akers, VBT director of planning and economic development, said Menards asked the *Independent* to pass the news along. It has been delayed by approval of a new part on the north end.

There is some talk about some employees from another store saying they will be at the VBT store in mid May to help get the store ready for opening.

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A reader who lives in Belleville said she would like the lady from Ypsilanti who wants to take down the LaSalle statue in Victory Park to go find something in Ypsilanti to tear down.

The reader said she knew Park and Edna Mae Gregory who donated the LaSalle statue and they were wonderful people.

The same caller said she would like to take away about $30,000 from the salary of Belleville's city manager and put it toward the sea wall repairs because she never can get ahold of the city manager by phone at city hall.

At Monday's city council meeting, I talked to City Manager Diana Kollmeyer who has been tending to her ailing husband. She went to Florida to get him and they drove back together. Now she has come back to work, but she keeps track of how he's doing at home. Difficult time for her.

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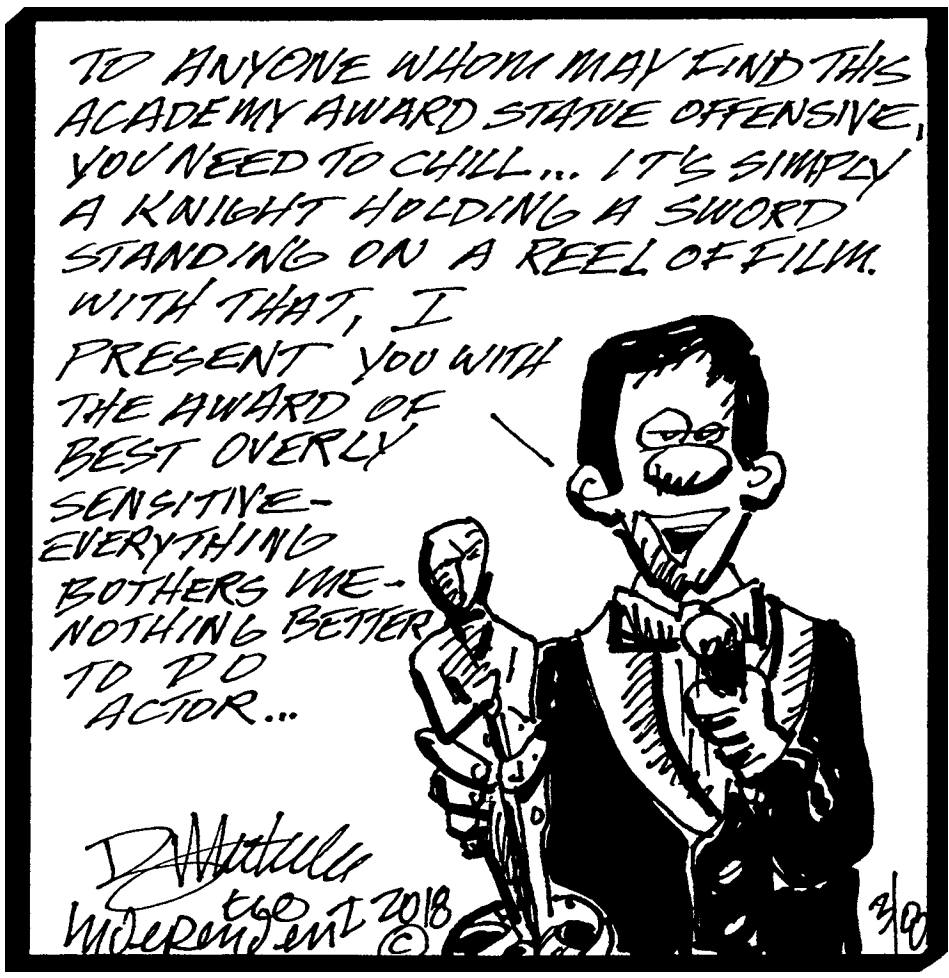
In January we had a Blue Moon -- two full moons in one month. We had the Full Wolf Moon on Jan. 1 and the Full Old Moon on Jan. 31.

In March we've got the Blue Moon again. We had the Full Worm Moon on March 1



and the Full Sap Moon is coming up March 31.

By the way, the first day of spring -- the Vernal Equinox -- is Tuesday, March 20.

Also, don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour for Sunday, March 11. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday.

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Katie Dallos, director of the Belleville Area Museum, has announced that the Willow Run Tribute Rosie Drill Team will be marching in the National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

Both the Belleville Area Museum and the Yankee Air Museum will be taking part in the parade.

Dallos said if you see a collection jar around town, she hopes you'll consider contributing to help send a Rosie to Washington.

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At the Sumpter Township meeting on Feb. 27, Trustee Don LaPorte, who is also a township fire fighter, reported the fire department had its first brush fire of the season that afternoon on Dunn Road. He stressed there is no open burning allowed in Sumpter Township or Wayne County. He said that fire was really small and Sumpter police got there first and started putting it out.

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At the same meeting, Sumpter Treasurer Peggy Morgan announced that people who are saying they are afraid to come to township board meetings should be advised that there are no problems at the meetings, even with all the controversy on marijuana.

"People should know they are safe," Treasurer Morgan stressed.

And, they are.

I remember my early days of covering Sumpter for the *Independent* when those at the meeting were told someone was on her way from Lansing to shoot up the place. That didn't happen, but I sat with my back to the wall for a long time after that.

Our supervisor at that time wore a pistol in an ankle holster that you could see sometimes. The current supervisor doesn't wear a weapon that I've seen.

These days, although sometimes people shout at one another, there's been no hint of physical violence. Those on the township board who defeated some of those in the audience at the last election sometimes are snippy and rude to their former rivals. That's too bad, but the meetings for the most part are civil.

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Mary Ban said when she asked the Belleville Post Office about the Van Buren Township change to the 48111 addresses that are labeling some Sumpter Township addresses as being in Van Buren Township, she said they told her, "Mr. Wright went over our head."

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Letters

Three Marys presented wisdom on the dangers

To the editor:

In response to Mr. Nofz's letter in last week's *Independent*, dated 3-1-18: I believe he referred to us three Marys (the old biddies) as *parasites*. That certainly explains how we got *under his skin* to be so irritated and angry that Sumpter Township opted out of the MMMFLA (Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act) which allows "farms" to grow marijuana in industrial, agricultural, and commercial areas.

As our ages were insulted, we know that wisdom comes with age in order to help younger generations to be advised about the dangers along the road of life. We presented the facts and truth about marijuana as it is still considered a controlled illegal substance by the Federal Government.

I commend the fact-finding committee for the research and analysis in regard to marijuana and the question of the cost factor to our Sumpter Township government.

I have attended most township meetings for the past 42 years in order to keep informed and educated about the township, county, and state issues. Many people show up only for the "hot button" issues and then disappear. I believe with your attitude and anger at Sumpter Township, have you considered doing your business in another township or city?

Our guidelines for a general law township are very specific; we are not a charter township or a "city" as some people refer to us.

When we have all the pot hole craters on our roads, the Wayne County Road Commission is in charge, not the township. I believe you also referred to me as the squeaky hinge. Many years ago in 1988 I learned that it is the "squeaky hinge or wheel that gets the oil"!

However, when you mention that eventually the Marys die, as stated in the Bible, Heb. 9:27 there is one appointment we *all* will keep, for God says, "it is appointed unto all men (and women) once to die and then the judgment." None of us escapes death, whether old or young.

There is one meeting no one ever misses and that meeting is our individual deaths. That is one reservation we *all* will keep. I pray each one of us is born again by receiving into your heart the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. He is the Way, the TRUTH and the Life and no one comes to the Heavenly Father except through Jesus Christ.

Mary Ban, Sumpter Township

About Marys ...

To the editor:

Thank God for Marys. One Mary gave us JESUS! Another Mary aka Ruth.

Ruth Bleeker, Belleville

Think it can't be repaired? Try Trim-Co

To the editor:

I would like to do a shout out to Trim-Co on Main Street. They are located in the same building as the wonderful Enrica's Golden Needle.

My son's laptop backpack shoulder strap ripped out and I thought it could not be fixed as it was a made out of heavy-duty material.

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Charlene Eller, Sumpter Township

Learn about remote regions of Mongolia

To Library Lovers and Adventure Travelers:

Come to the library Thursday night (March 8, 7 p.m.) and learn about the remote regions of Mongolia. Debbie Jackson returns to share photos, stories, and music from her recent adventure attending the Eagle Festival and staying with Kazahk families in the far northwest corner of Mongolia. Bactrian camels ... eagles ... mutton ... tuvan throat singing ... we will hear about it all.

Marty Wilson, Membership Chair
Friends of the Belleville Area District Library

P.S. Debbie is a personal friend of mine and a very dynamic speaker. I look forward to seeing you at the talk.

Girl Scout cookies at Fourth St. Sq. on Sat.

To the editor:

Our third-grade Brownie Troop 76274 from Keystone Academy will be having a cookie booth at Fourth Street Square, in between Egan's and Bayou Grill, on Saturday, March 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Jamie Mulvenna

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Obituaries

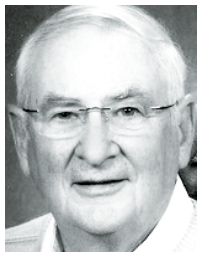
D Marie Redden

D MARIE REDDEN
(May 15, 1992 - March 3, 2018)
D Marie Redden, age 25, of Westland. Died suddenly at her residence in Westland on March 3, 2018.
D is the beloved daughter of Sylvia Besson of Westland and Jeffery Redden of California; cherished sister of Erika (Scott) Calleja of Garden City, Jessica (Barry) Dotson of Marshall and Jenna Redden of Westland; loving aunt to Olivia, Lucy and Ansel with a third niece to be born in 2018. She is also survived by her special friend, "Mr. P."
Born on May 15, 1992, D was a 2010 graduate of John Glenn High School of Westland, where she proudly had the honor of being the captain of the color guard. Miss Redden loved her job at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, where she was an E.D. Tech 1. Her primary love was her family and friends. She truly was known for her heart of gold.
A funeral service honoring D's life will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, March 8, in the Main Chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville, 734-697-4500.
D's family will greet guests from 10 a.m. until the time of the 1 p.m. service.
In lieu of customary tributes, memorial contributions may be directed to wishes of D's family.

MILDRED P. FLOWERS
(June 12, 1921 - February 25, 2018)
Mrs. Mildred P. Flowers, 96, formerly of Belleville, passed away on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at Dansville Country Care in Dansville, Michigan. She was born on June 12, 1921 in Detroit, Michigan a daughter of Franklin and Helen (DuBois) Nichols. In 1978 she was married to Edward Flowers who preceded her in death in 2007.
Mildred enjoyed reading, collecting turquoise jewelry and Southwest culture. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family and her dog Cindy.
Prior to her retirement she had been employed at Lazars clothing store in Wayne for many years.
Mrs. Flowers is survived by her loving sons Eddie (Bonnie) Flowers and Jody Flowers. Cherished grandmother of Brandie (Jeremy) Phillips, Nicole Frye, James (Kayla) Flowers, Kenny Flowers and Crystal (Chris) Czarnik; and 7 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her special friends; Doris Kuziak, RuthAnn (Rusty) Morvant and Lil.
In keeping with Mrs. Flowers' wishes, a simple cremation has been arranged. No public service will take place. Please keep the Flowers family in your thoughts and prayers at this time. Arrangements by Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home, Belleville.

More Obituaries on pages 7 & 8

WILLIAM GARY BOLTRICK
(July 5, 1951 - March 2, 2018)
William Gary Boltrick, age 66, of Belleville, died peacefully with his family at his side at his residence on Friday evening, March 2, 2018. William is the loving husband of Nancy; dear father of Allison (Brian) Triplett of Portage, Stephanie (Ariana) Boltrick of Seattle, Washington, Amanda (Tim) Kaiser of Durham, North Carolina and Tyler Sommers of Milan. Mr. Boltrick is also survived by his mother, Alice Boltrick; grandchildren, Billy, MacKenzie, Kynleigh and Braxtyn and sister Beth Boltrick. Sadly, he is preceded in death by his father, Walter Boltrick (d. 2006).
William was born on July 5, 1951 in Detroit, Michigan. A longtime Belleville-area resident, Mr. Boltrick enjoyed crossword puzzles, trivia, following the Detroit Tigers and traveling with his beloved Nancy. Mostly, he loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.
A memorial service, honoring William's life will be held in the near future at the First United Methodist Church of Belleville. Please inquire soon for the finalized arrangements.



Allan Grant Slauterbeck, Jr.

ALLAN GRANT SLAUTERBECK, JR.
(February 1, 1937 - February 25, 2018)
Died of cancer in Florida. U.S. Army. Survived by wife Julie, son Allan, daughter Kia, brother Darold, 3 grandchildren. Celebration of Life at 11 a.m., March 10, at Janowiak Funeral Home, 320 N. Washington, Ypsilanti.

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Seawall

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competition March 23 and 24 at Belleville High School. Each team has membership between 10 and 70. There also are more than 1,000 spectators expected. The public is invited to watch the competition without charge from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on March 23 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 24; and

• Heard Jeff Vernon say another Earth Day event is planned from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, with kids' events, a potluck, and park cleanup. He said the Parks and Recreation Commission is discussing community gardens and encourages input from the public.

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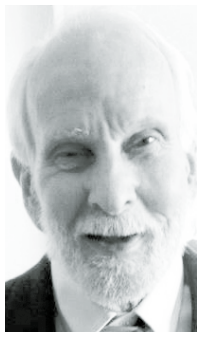
Obituaries



John Dutton

JOHN WILLIAM DUTTON
(January 5, 1931 - March 1, 2018)
John "Uncle Jack" William Dutton, age 87 of Riverview, passed away March 1, 2018.
Beloved husband of the late Margaret Dutton. Loving uncle of Terrah (John Stewart) Dutton, and John (Rhonda) Dutton of Belleville, MI. Dear family friend of Emily Kilgore. Uncle Jack loved all the children: Haylee, Johnny, and Jaylynn. He was beloved by all at Rivergate Terrace Nursing Home.
John was preceded in death by his parents John and Sophie Dutton and his siblings Robert Dutton and Betty Nierman. John will be deeply missed by family and friends.
Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Taylor Chapel of Voran Funeral Home, 23750 Goddard Road, (313) 291-1800. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

More Obituaries on pages 6 & 8

Marlene Anne Dapsi

MARLENE A. DAPSI
(August 7, 1936 - February 28, 2018)
Marlene Anne Dapsi, nee Wilson, age 81, of Belleville, MI, passed away Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI, surrounded by her family. She was born August 7, 1936 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Kirby L. & Barbara Jeane (Smith) Wilson, Jr.
Mrs. Dapsi was a long-time member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville, MI, where she was involved in many activities. She was an active, social, caring person with a loving heart. She enjoyed shopping, exercising, especially swimming, and having lunch with friends. Most all of she cherished time spent with her family and raising her grandchildren.
Marlene is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, Joseph J. Dapsi, four children: Barbara Jeane (Jeffrey) Harris of Belleville, MI, David Alan (Sue) Dapsi of Prairieville, LA, Richard Dean (Karen) Dapsi of Weschester, CA and Jenifer Mary (Douglas) Dapsi-Morse of Belleville, MI; Mummum to 11 grandchildren, with each of whom she had a special relationship, especially Mollee; 7 great-grandchildren; sister Kathy Jeane Lipinski of Anna Maria Island, FL; auntie to numerous nieces and nephews; church family and friends. She was the best Mummum to her family and many more.
Mrs. Dapsi was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers Kirby L. Wilson III and Dean R. Wilson.
Dignified cremation has taken place and her Memorial Service will be Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville, MI.
Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Memorial Fund, and would be appreciated by the family.

MARGARET 'SUE' (LUNDE) BUCHAU
(September 20, 1931 - March 3, 2018)
Age 86 of Watertown, NY. BHS Class of 1949. Survived by devoted companion Robert DesJardins; four daughters, Pamela Sue, Janet Beth, Ann Marie, Tamara Lee; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and brother Fred Lunde, 93, of Livonia.

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Dr. Dorothy M. Kahkonen, M.D.

DR. DOROTHY M. KAHKONEN, M.D.
(January 23, 1941 - February 28, 2018)

Dr. Dorothy (Dottie) M. Kahkonen, M.D., beloved family member and physician, born January 23, 1941, passed away in her sleep on February 24, 2018.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William W. Kahkonen and Dorthay (Estes) Kahkonen Badali, and by her brother William D. Kahkonen and step father Sam Badali.

She is survived by her sister-in-law Elaine Kahkonen, niece Keena (Russell) Sawdy, nephew William E. (Maria) Kahkonen, great-nieces and great-nephews: Emilee, Meghan, Zoie, Zackary and Justin and dear friend Tom Plasman.

Dr. Dorothy (Dottie) Kahkonen spent the entirety of her illustrious career here at Henry Ford Hospital. Raised in Romulus, MI, graduate of U of M Medical School in 1965 and after completing an internship year in California, she came back to the Detroit area in 1966 to complete her residency in Internal Medicine and fellowship in Metabolic Diseases at Henry Ford. Immediately after graduation in 1970, Dr. Kahkonen was brought on as a senior staff physician in Endocrinology and Metabolism.

In addition to her outstanding clinician educator and clinical research activities, Dottie showed excellent leadership abilities. These strong characteristics led to her being named Division Head of the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism in 1996, a position she held until her retirement in 2006. Upon her retirement, a lectureship was created in her name and the Dorothy M. Kahkonen, MD (DMK) lecture series continues to be presented annually during the Medical Grand Rounds lecture series.

During her long and distinguished career, she was given special recognition for "Leadership and Untiring Dedication" by Wayne County Medical Society of Southeast Michigan (May 23, 2007) and the Professional Achievement Award by Wayne County Medical Society (May 19, 2010).

She served Wayne County Medical Society as Resolutions Committee Chair and Medical Society Delegate to Michigan State Medical Society. She also sat on WCMSSM's Executive Council.

Additionally, she served as Vice Speaker of the House, Speaker of the House Delegate and President of Michigan State Medical Society. She served on its board of directors, was a member of the Legislative CME Committees, she sat on the Programming & Annual Scientific Planning Committee, and served as Michigan State Medical Society's Foundation Chair.

She was a Delegate and Alternate Delegate for the American Medical Association.

She was a member of the following professional societies: American Diabetes Association (President), American College of Physicians, Fellow American Heart Association, and Council on Arteriosclerosis.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, March 10, at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor, MI, with luncheon to follow at Zion Lutheran Church. Dorothy's family asks that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society.

Dorothy was a tireless physician, a generous friend and loving family member. Those who knew and loved her are thankful for her presence in this world and will miss her forever.

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• Approved selling parcel #81-135-99-0019-000 located on Oakville Waltz Road for $6,000;

• Approved switching phone service from Comcast Business to Verizon Wireless Services at a cost of $785 per month. Total savings per month for the Township, Fire Department, and Senior Center is estimated at $1,000;

• Heard Trustee Don Swinson announce that Menards is expected to have a mid March opening. He said the township's Easter Egg Hunt for children will be March 24, with a rain date of March 25, at Graham Park. He said the Parks and Recreation project to improve their building at Graham Park with a $11,000 grant from Wayne County will be done by Modern Updates of Sumpter Township, low bidder. Trustee Swinson said they received another $11,000 parks grant from Wayne County and it is yet to be determined how to spend it;

• Heard Trustee Matthew Oddy report that the planning commission finally is getting an updated land use master plan and they hope to have it at the March 8 commission meeting;

• Heard Clerk Esther Hurst give a report on the Senior Department. She said more than 70 people attended the Black History event on Feb. 23. They enjoyed the food and entertainment by blind vocalist T-Bone. She said smoke detectors for those with qualifications are still available from the fire department. She said Sumpter volunteers delivered more than 480 meals to the homebound in their personal vehicles during the month of January. More than 300 meals were eaten at the site and 130 passengers used their transportation service in January. Supervisor John Morgan thanked Mary Ann Watson for all the work she does for the seniors;

• Heard attorney Young report he spent time talking with the district library personnel about the lease of the hexagon building across from the township hall. He said the satellite library will be a nice set up for Sumpter residents who wish to use the electronic media that will be at the site;

• Also heard attorney Young report that Police Chief Eric Luke's contract expires in March and Chief Luke wants a one-year extension of a modification in the contract that allows him to slide back to captain if he doesn't want to be chief any more; and

• Heard Trustee Oddy ask Young if "the case is behind us now," referring to the Nelson Po case. Young said, "Everything is resolved at this point".

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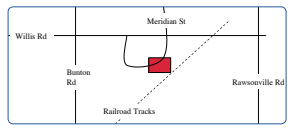

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• Thursday, March 8 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, March 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education at 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School.

• Tuesday, March 13 – Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, March 14 – Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, March 19 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, March 20 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Feb. 21 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, March 26 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School.

• Tuesday, March 27 -- Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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• **Saturday, March 10 –** Irish Corned Beef Dinner, 6 p.m., at the Wayne County Fair Grounds, $12 per dinner, $8 kids eight and under. All proceeds go to the upkeep of the Wayne County Fair Grounds, a non-profit organization.

• **Sunday, March 11 –** 18 Strings will entertain 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Free afternoon of music. For more information, call Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan, (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, March 12 –** State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood will meet with constituents at 10:30 a.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, to discuss state and local concerns. His district includes the city of Belleville and Van Buren and Sumpter townships.

• **Tuesday, March 13 –** Belleville National Strawberry Festival will meet at 5:30 p.m. at Victory Station at Five Points. Public invited to attend.

• **Wednesday, March 14 –** Chicken Supper, 5 p.m. until sold out, at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. Carry outs start at 4:30 p.m. Cost: $10 per person, children 12 and under, $5. Menu: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits & gravy, cole slaw, dessert, beverage.

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VBT Planners schedule March 14 public hearing on Smith farm rezoning

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A public hearing on March 14 will seek input on the plan to change the 75-acre Harold Smith farm, at 50015 Michigan Ave., in Denton from Low Density Single Family B zoning to Light Industrial Zoning on the township master plan map.

At its regular meeting Feb. 28, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission set the public hearing for its regular 7:30 p.m. session March 14.

The township has just completed the required 42-day comment and review period for amendment of the Master Plan.

Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, said he sent out information to 22 entities, including the planning commissions of Belleville and Sumpter, and none had any objection to the change.

Only one replied. William DeGroot, financial analyst and planner for the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority / TheRide said his group had no objections or comments.

"We do not operate service past Ridge Road in Washtenaw County and do not have the ability to extend our service past its current design," he wrote. "Although we recognize that local land use policy decisions are solely the decision of the local municipality, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on land use issues at an early stage."

Last June, Ben Griffin of Dearborn wrote a letter to the township explaining what he wants to do with the property.

He said the property currently consists of nine parcels and has been farmed by the same family for more than 100 years. All utilities -- sewer, water, gas, electric -- are in the right-of-way adjacent to the site.

The land uses for the areas adjoining the subject property include: to the north is 4,000 feet of frontage on Michigan Avenue (US-12), to the south is the active Norfolk Southern Rail line and General Motors Service Parts Operations (distribution center). To the east is the Denton Cemetery and single-family residential and to the west is Michigan Avenue (US-12).

"The property is surrounded on three sides (north, south and west) by Michigan Avenue (US-12) and the Norfolk Southern Railroad," he wrote. "We believe this makes the site non conducive for current residential development and that impacts on the established residential neighborhood to the east would be mitigated by the required residential protection (buffer zone)."

He said he feels this is an appropriate

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Sumpter Township
Special Board Meeting
Friday, February 9, 2018, 4 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 4:00 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, and Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Barnes and Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak and approximately 5 residents.

3. Agenda:

Attorney Young asked Danielle Buccellato if she would like to go into Closed Session or have the discussion in Open Session. Ms. Buccellato requested to go into Closed Session.

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to convene into Closed Session at 4:03 pm to consider requested disciplinary action as recommended by Chief Luke as to Police Department Personnel.

Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Hurst, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, and Barnes. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst to go back into Open Session at 4:24 pm. Motion carried.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Barnes to grant a one (1) week extension to Danielle Buccellato to consult with FOP union and Attorney. Motion carried.

4. Open Floor: no comment

5. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to adjourn at 4:28 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Esther Hurst, Clerk
Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Esther Hurst, Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Special Board Meeting of the Township of Sumpter Board of Trustees on February 9, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Esther Hurst, Clerk
Published: March 8, 2018

VBT Plan

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location for an M-1 Light Industrial zone.

At the early meetings, Harold Smith was present to say he had no family members that wished to continue farming on the site so he is willing to sell the property.

Griffin said he had no specific plans for the property, but has had interest shown.

If there are no objections, the legal steps required will be followed to change the master plan and it will be complete at the June 5 township board meeting.

In other business at the 21-minute, Feb. 28 meeting, the commission unanimously approved the final site plan for a four-story office / laboratory building at 1 Village Center Drive in the Grace Lake Corporate Center. There were six minor changes that needed to be made, but those can be done administratively.

In a report on the project, VBT Fire Lt. Jason Martin, fire inspector and plan examiner, wrote that "In all new and existing buildings, minimum radio signal strength for fire department communications shall be maintained at the level determined by the Authority Having Jurisdiction."

Patrick Westerman of Smith Group said he called the fire marshal and was relieved to learn that the radio communication stipulation is just for the new building, not for those already at Grace Lake.

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VBT DDA to pay $46,462 for streetlights on pedestrian bridge

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Twenty-two, 39-watt, LED street lights will light the way to and from the proposed pedestrian bridge over I-94 along Belleville Road.

At the Feb. 27 regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, the DDA voted unanimously to pay $46,462 for the lights, as recommended by DTE.

The projected annual operating cost is $6,457 and DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland said, "We are going to save money."

It was noted no lights will be on the bridge itself over the freeway since DTE has had vibration problems with lights in the past on walkways, causing excessive maintenance.

The black Wadsworth direct-bury poles will feature Acorn-style fixtures that will complement the existing Belleville Road street lights, she said.

Ireland said they considered installing the same street light that currently is in the commercial corridor on Belleville Road. Even though less light poles would be necessary, it would be more costly and it was felt that the pathway lighting would be better served if it had more of a residential feel instead of a large roadway light, she said.

Ireland told the DDA that she has been informed by the Michigan Department of Transportation that the letting date for the Belleville Road bridge widening and pathway installation project is March 2.

In other business at the 17-minute meeting the DDA: and

• Voted to transfer $5,500 from fund balance to Printing and Publishing to pay for a half-page advertisement in the United Airlines "Hemispheres" March 2018 edition that will feature Michigan and why Michigan is a great place to invest or relocate. One of its features was removed because it included an interview with the recently resigned president of Michigan State University. This left a void in the publication, so VBT DDA got the $25,835 ad space for $5,500 because they had ready-to-go copy.

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Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Friday, February 13, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:42 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, and Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Barnes and Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak and approximately 55 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: Public comment began at 6:43 p.m. Eight (8) public comments were received. Ended 7:01 p.m.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2018. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of July 27, 2017. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to accept Planning Commission Minutes of December 14, 2017. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Warrants totaling $1,498,336.07. Roll call vote: Yes: Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Barnes, P. Morgan, J. Morgan and Hurst. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer Report-P. Morgan: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to Receive and File the Water & Sewer Report. Motion carried.

8. Police Report-Luke: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to Receive and File the Police Report. Motion carried.

9. Building/Ordinance Report-Barnes: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to Receive and File the Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried.

10. Fire Report-Januszyk: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to Receive and File the Fire Report. Motion carried.

11. Treasurer's Report-P. Morgan: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to Receive and File the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

12. Supervisor Report-J. Morgan:

A. All roads within the Township are maintained by Wayne County and the Township isn't allowed to plow. Wayne County number to report on the roads is 1-888-762-3273.

B. Republic Waste Thanked all the residents for their patience on rubbish pick during last week's storm.

C. Township Hall will be CLOSED on Monday, February 19th in observation of Presidents Day.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Supervisor Report. Motion carried.

13. Attorney Report-Young:

A. Meeting with Republic Waste on Thursday, February 15th to negotiate new contract.

B. Friday, February 16th will be meeting with the District Library to review the lease on the Satellite location within Sumpter Township.

C. Asked the Township Board to approve payment of the monies owed to the respective parties and in the amounts set forth in Judge Allen's Consent Judgement on January 22, 2018.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the disbursement as described in the letter. Motion carried.

14. Board Response:

A. Treasurer P. Morgan gave her opinion on a detailed description of the Fact Finding Committees outcome packet that was given to the Board members.

A. B. Trustee Swinson asked how many of the Township/Cities have opted-in.

15. New Business:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the installation of the new furnace at a price of $4,380.00 to be located at the Senior Center office. Motion carried.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Barnes to approve resolution 2018-06 for the rate increase on water, sewer and rubbish. Motion carried.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve precinct #5 to be relocated at Sumpter Community Center activity room. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the contract for I.T. Right to start service as the computer technology provider for Sumpter Township, Senior Center and Fire Department. Starting April 1, 2018. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Hurst, supported by LaPorte to approve hiring Sonya Ingle as paid on-call firefighter. Contingent upon her successful completion of the required physical and drug screening. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the 2018 CDBG allocations as such: $7,304.00 for administration, $10,957.00 for Senior Services, $44,783.00 for Senior Center Improvements and $10,000.00 for Demolition. Motion carried.

G. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve a roll call vote to opt-in to MMFLA allowing 5-Class A (500), 5-Class B (1000), 5-Class C (1500), Safety-3, Secure Transport-3, Provisioning Center-2, Processors-0. In the Industrial, Agriculture and Commercial zoning. Roll call vote: Yes: Barnes and P. Morgan. Nay: LaPorte, J. Morgan, Hurst, Oddy and Swinson. Motion failed.

*H. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to opt-out of MMFLA with a roll call vote. Roll call vote: Nay: Barnes and P. Morgan. Yes: LaPorte, J. Morgan, Hurst, Oddy and Swinson. Motion carried. Attorney Young to draft resolution for opting-out of MMFLA.

* Added to agenda during February 13, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.

16. Announcements:

A. Chili cook-off will be held at noon Friday, February 16th with proceeds go towards the community outreach program.

B. Trustee Swinson stated the BYC held a Polar Plunge on February 10th for Muscular Dystrophy raising roughly $38,000.00.

C. Black History Event will be held on Friday, February 23 at 1:00 pm at the Community Center, cost is $5.00 per person.

D. Happy Valentine's Day from Treasurer P. Morgan

17. Open Floor:

18. Adjournment: Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:57 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Esther Hurst, Clerk
Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Esther Hurst, Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Township of Sumpter Board of Trustees on February 13, 2018 at 6:42 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Esther Hurst, Clerk
Published: March 8, 2018

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township
Special Board Meeting
Friday, February 16, 2018, 1:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 1:05 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, and Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Oddy, Barnes and Swinson. Excused absence: LaPorte. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak and approximately 14 residents.

4. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Agenda.

Attorney Young stated Danielle Buccellato can choose if she would like to go into Closed Session or Open Session. Ms. Buccellato requested to go into Closed Session. Attorney Young mentioned this Special Meeting was requested by Ms. Buccellato as a continuance from Friday, February 9, 2018 meeting.

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to convene into Closed Session at 1:07 pm to consider requested disciplinary action as recommended by Chief Luke as to Police Department Personnel.

Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Hurst, Swinson, Oddy, and Barnes. Nay: None. Excused absence: LaPorte. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to go back into Open Session at 1:44 pm. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Barnes, supported by Swinson to concur with the Chief's recommendation.

Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Hurst, Swinson, Oddy, and Barnes. Nay: None. Excused absence: LaPorte. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Open Floor: no comment

5. Adjournment: Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 1:46 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Esther Hurst, Clerk
Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Esther Hurst, Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Special Board Meeting of the Township of Sumpter Board of Trustees on February 16, 2018 at 1:05 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Esther Hurst, Clerk
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Sculpture

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said this would be the first sculpture put on display through Midwest Sculpture Initiative that will have been sold and that is very exciting.

Voigt also discussed Music Lakeside banners and was told that subject needed to be discussed with the city.

In other business at the Feb. 21 meeting, the DDA:

• Reviewed the City of Belleville Parks and Recreation Evaluation prepared by three Parks and Recreation Commission members last September. The commission is looking for funds to upgrade the parks;

• Discussed the Belleville High School FIRST Robotics competition being hosted at BHS March 22-24. The DDA said it will work with the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce to get the businesses involved in welcoming the more than 1,000 people expected in the city that week end; and

• Discussed BHS New Tech projects. Thompson said she met with Scott Wilsey and told him the DDA was taking a year off from the SOUP project. Also, they asked for more time on the Blessed Basket, a winning SOUP Project which had been scheduled for last year. She said it could be done this fall and maybe folded into Winter Fest. New Tech will continue to do the Zombie Run, she said. New Tech also asked the DDA to help it get community projects that could be turned into classroom projects. This is more productive than after-school projects like they had in the past, she said.

More Letters

Rotary thanks all who helped with Fat Tuesday

To: all tri-communitarians:

The Rotary Club of Belleville would like to thank all the participants and guests who worked to make our recent Fat Tuesday Italian Buffet fund-raiser a success.

Special thanks go to the following entities and individuals: *Applebees* - Eddie Fox, GM; *Benitos* on Willis Rd. - Roy Acho; *Bruder Landscaping* - Keith Bruder; *Garden Fantasy* - Joyce Rochowiak; *Garden Fantasy on Main* - Collette McClinton; *Sumpter ACE Hardware* - Janet Targgart; *Van Buren F.O.E. #3996 (Eagles)* - Trustees; *Wayne County Commission* - Al Haidous, Commissioner. In addition the hard work and dedication of the BHS Interact Club students was a great assist to the success of the dinner. Thanks to all.

On behalf of Belleville Rotary,
Ray Eissinger

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Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. on March 13, 2018**, for the Site Improvements Project at Edgemont Elementary School. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Administration Building, 4555 W. Columbia Avenue, Belleville, MI 48111, on **March 1, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.**

All bids must be addressed to: Van Buren Public Schools, 555 W. Columbia, Belleville, MI. 48111.
Proposal for Edgemont Elementary Site Improvements Project. Attention: Mr. James Williams.

Bid Security, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the school district. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must also be included. Accepted bidders will be required to furnish Performance and Material and Labor Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:
https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=40a697dca1eb4a878b81d978f0d64b5d

Documents will be available for viewing on **February 22, 2018.** Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki, Plante Moran Cresa, at rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
2018 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, on the following dates:

March 6th, Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
(Organizational Meeting)
No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 12th, Monday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 14th, Wednesday
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 15th, Thursday
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review **OR** by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

Letters of appeal must be received on or before MARCH 14, 2018.

Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-699-8946 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by MARCH 13, 2018.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

Classification	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	50%	1.0000
Commercial	50%	1.0000
Industrial	50%	1.0000
Residential	50%	1.0000
Developmental	50%	1.0000
Personal	50%	1.0000

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Publish: Thursday, February 22, 2018
Thursday, March 1, 2018
Thursday, March 8, 2018

City of Belleville Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle will be held:

2005 SATURN, FOUR DOOR, VIN: 1G8AJ52F95Z104855

DATE: MARCH 5, 2018
PUBLISH: MARCH 8, 2018

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BY SHERRI SCHARF, CITY CLERK

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP ANIMAL SHOT CLINIC MARCH 3RD AND 10TH 2018

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

POLE BARN ACROSS FROM TOWNSHIP HALL

RABIES: $16.00

DISTEMPER/PARVO COMBO: $28.00

DOG LICENSES ALSO AVAILABLE

$5.00……MALE/FEMALE NEUTER/SPAY

$7.00….FEMALE UN-SPAYED

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Democrats set annual Chili Cook-Off with Rep. Dingell among guests

The Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club announces Congresswoman Debbie Dingell will be its special guest at the annual Chili Cook-Off event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 23, at the UAW 898 Hall, 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti.

Dana Nessel, candidate for state attorney general, also will be attending. The club hopes to have two or more gubernatorial candidates in attendance, along with too many local leaders and candidates to list.

The club expects to be joined by State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood and several State Representatives, including Erika Geiss, House District 12 and candidate for State Senate District 6, and chili competitor State Rep. Kristy Pagan, House District 21, known for her backseat vegie chili, and State Rep. Darrin Camilleri, House District 23, former Chili Cook-Off champion.

Monroe County Clerk/Treasurer Michelle LaVoy, former Christmas Cookie champion, is running for State Representative for House District 17 and will be joining the event.

Club president Terree O'Neil Darling warns those attending to keep an eye out as the other legislators and candidates try to rip the medal off Rep. Camilleri's neck. They are tired of him wearing his medallion on the House floor and mentioning his "award winning chili" at committee meetings, she said.

The club's corresponding secretary Debbie Chamberlain is defending her title as the overall Chili Cook-Off Winner for three years in a row.

The club is accepting basket donations for the silent auction and fishbowl raffle.

Most tickets are $10, with special rates for seniors, veterans, and children.

For tickets, contact any executive board member or O'Neil Darling at (313) 971-5027 or terree22@gmail.com or get tickets at the door.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
2018
MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP.
THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW WILL MEETING AT THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111 ON THE FOLLOWING DATE:

Tuesday, March 6, 2018	*4:30 PM Organizational Meeting*
Monday, March 12, 2018	*1:00 PM - 9:00 PM Appointments*
Wednesday, March 14, 2018	*9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Appointments*

All hearings are by appointment only and must be accompanied by a petition form. Please call one of the numbers below for an appointment. Petitions are available at the Sumpter Township Supervisors Office or download a petition for at www.michigan.gov/treasury: click on forms: type in form number L-4035.

Written appeals are accepted as well and must be accompanied by a petition form and received in the assessing department by Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 4:00 pm. No postmarks are accepted. Mail petitions to: Sumpter Township Board of Review 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

Hardship/poverty exemptions are accepted as well. Please call the assessing department for more information on this exemption.

Any questions regarding the Board of Review, contact the Supervisor's Office at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2229, or the Assessing Department, Tuesdays & Thursday at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2236.

Publish: February 22, March 1st & 8th

Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 541 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Feb. 25:
0627 -- domestic, Patty Ln.
0734 -- 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0833 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Menards
1143 -- narcotics crime, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1305 -- malicious destruction of property, Ash Dr.
1403 -- narcotics crime, Denton Rd.
1411 -- abandoned auto, N. I-94 Service Dr. /W. Archwood Dr.
1446 -- property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1825 -- threat, Edison Lake Rd.
1944 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
Monday, Feb. 26:
0725 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Chatsworth Dr.
0741 -- malicious destruction of property, Outer
0910 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Robbe Rd.
0930 -- private property impound, Ecorse Rd.
1035 -- fraud, Shelly Dr.
1125 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1251 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Holly Ln.
1346 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty/Van Born
1539 -- larceny from auto, Wilson Ave.
1623 -- property damage accident, Sumpter/Owen
1738 -- property damage accident, Bog Rd.
1748 -- road hazard, Walden Ct.
1918 -- road hazard, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
2302 -- animal complaint, Lake Point Pass
2316 -- animal complaint, Morton Taylor Rd.
2353 -- noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
Tuesday, Feb. 27:
0150 -- assist other dept., Savage Rd.
0659 -- property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0711 -- operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville
0853 -- ordinance violation, W. Huron River Dr.
0938 -- animal complaint, Lancaster Dr.
0940 -- holdup alarm, Belleville Rd.
1021 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1105 -- fraud, E. Schooner Dr.
1125 -- mental subject, Coolidge St.
1207 -- ordinance violation, Harmony Ln.
1257 -- assist other dept., I-275 rest area
1509 -- larceny, Cambridge Ct.
1557 -- assist citizen, Main/Third
1631 -- private property impound, Ecorse Rd.
1655 -- malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
1852 -- trespassing, Red Oak Dr./Cobblestone Ct.
2136 -- juvenile complaint, Richmond Dr.
2153 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2228 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
2354 -- suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River Dr. / Martinsville Rd.
Wednesday, Feb. 28:
0031 -- breaking & entering, Oak Ln.
0322 -- mental subject, Lenmoore Ave.
0724 -- property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
0734 -- found property/child, Quirk Park
0755 -- abandoned auto, Van Buren Ct.
0914 -- suicidal person, Wildrye Ct.
1111 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1208 -- animal complaint, Hardwood Dr.
1241 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Montague Ave. / Roulo St.
1347 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1425 -- animal complaint, Rogers Ave.
1533 -- trespassing, Cobblestone Dr. / Togowtee Pass
1555 -- assist other dept., Loza Ln.
1625 -- breaking & entering, Denton rd.
1736 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1854 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Milton Dr.
1939 -- assist other dept., Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2156 -- disorderly, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2232 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Bradley Dr.
Thursday, March 1:
0000 -- suicidal person, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0129 -- family trouble, Briarcliff
0209 -- assist other dept., Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
1001 -- juvenile complaint, Milton Dr.
1205 -- fraud, Maple Dr.
1259 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1342 -- disorderly, Owen St.
1447 -- property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1736 -- property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1804 -- disorderly, Assembly St.
1805 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1830 -- property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1856 -- family trouble, Savage Rd.
1929 -- harassment call, Greenwood Dr.
1952 -- assist other dept., Denton Rd.
2012 -- neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2051 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.
2056 -- domestic, Van Buren St.
2102 -- suspicious person/vehicle, W. Archwood
2221 -- larceny, S. Ponderosa Trl.
Friday, March 2:
0221 -- harassment call, Lake Villa Dr.
0503 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville McDonald
0725 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
0801 -- property damage accident, Bog Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
0835 -- private property/property damage accident, Lake Villa Dr.
1054 -- fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
1132 -- assist other dept., Westlake Cir.
1156 -- animal complaint, Beck/Ecorse
1317 -- holdup alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1438 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1443 -- larceny, Belleville Rd.
1539 -- traffic offense, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1547 -- domestic, Ecorse Rd.
1606 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1733 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1746 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1757 -- property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Hannan Rd.
1814 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Van Born
1908 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2049 -- harassment call, Rock Creek Dr.
2128 -- property damage accident, Tompkins St. / Fairbanks St.
2215 -- animal complaint, Arlene Ln.
2240 -- fight, Lighthouse Dr.
2314 -- shooting, Sadie Ln./Ecorse Rd.
Saturday, March 3:
0002 -- 911 welfare check, Price Rd.
0136 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Dewitt Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0405 -- unattended death, Ecorse Rd.
0751 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0849 -- property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
1021 -- juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd
1033 -- assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave./High
1114 -- assault & battery, Ecorse Rd.
1126 -- assist other dept., Haggerty Rd.
1221 -- property damage accident, E. Schooner Dr.
1308 -- harassment call, Wildflower Ct.
1349 -- animal complaint, Hardwood Dr.
1358 -- fraud, Robson Rd.
1534 -- animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1538 -- breaking & entering, Ecorse Rd.
1612 -- harassment call, Ecorse Rd.
1644 -- juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1655 -- fraud, Winding Pond Dr.
1724 -- noise complaint, Lake Point Blvd.
1734 -- property damage accident, Martz Rd.
2059 -- robbery, Belleville Rd.
2252 -- fight, Belleville Rd.
2305 -- operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
2321 -- narcotics crime, Holly Ln./S. Ponderosa
Also on this week's log are 214 traffic stops, 36 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 25:
1011 -- road hazard, South St.
1454 -- civil matter, Church St.
1800 -- intrusion alarm, W. Thornhill Ct.
1823 -- civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd
2111 -- warrant arrest, Main St.
2138 -- larceny, Carmell St.
Monday, Feb. 26:
0801 -- threat, W. Columbia Ave.
1116 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1222 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1437 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, S. Edgemont Ave.
1607 -- larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
2100 -- assault & battery, Main St.
Tuesday, Feb. 27:
1031 -- fraud, South St.
1237 -- welfare check, E. Columbia Ave.
1525 -- assist citizen, Clarence St./Robbe St.
1552 -- retail fraud, Main St.
2045 -- welfare check, Loza Ln.
Wednesday, Feb. 28:
0027 -- suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River Dr. / Biggs Ave.
0205 -- noise complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
0648 -- property check, Light Tower
0653 -- property check, W. Columbia Ave.
0851 -- assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
0944 -- assist other dept., Church St.
1027 -- disorderly, E. Columbia Ave.
1144 -- parking complaint, E. Columbia Ave.
1226 -- disorderly, McBride
1437 -- disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1447 -- assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1451 -- property damage accident, W. Columbia
1547 -- mental subject, Loza Ln.
2002 -- welfare check, Church St.
2101 -- animal complaint, Wabash Ave.
Thursday, March 1:
0105 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Potter Dr.
0911 -- ordinance violation, S. Biggs St.
1006 -- civil matter, Loza Ln.
1145 -- fraud, W. Columbia Ave.
1349 -- disorderly, Owen
1934 -- assist fire dept., Tuscon Manor
2024 -- intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
Friday, March 2:
0617 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0630 -- vehicle lockout, South St.
0644 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0758 -- welfare check, Loza Ln.
0932 -- disorderly, Main St.
0946 -- malicious destruction of property, N. Biggs
1040 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1216 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
1508 -- vehicle lockout, Clarence St.
1649 -- threat, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1815 -- vehicle lockout, E. Huron River Dr.
1839 -- civil matter, Loza Ln.
Saturday, March 3:
0816 -- larceny from auto, Angola St.
1151 -- larceny from auto, Carmell St.
1529 -- traffic offense, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
2106 -- assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
Also on this week's log are 65 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 25:
0101 -- alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0612 -- alarm, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1224 -- assist other agency, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1523 -- reckless driver, Sumpter/Kozma
1534 -- civil dispute, California
1606 -- traffic hazard, 8400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1732 -- fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1816 -- family trouble, Wyoming
Monday, Feb. 26:
0931 -- suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
0939 -- alarm, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
1054 -- civil dispute, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1134 -- alarm, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1235 -- identity theft complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd
1732 -- animal complaint, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1816 -- juvenile complaint, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2021 -- suspicious vehicle, Magnolia
2145 -- fire dept. assist, Washington
2316 -- noise complaint, Country Club Blvd.
Tuesday, Feb. 27:
0634 -- noise complaint, Country Club Blvd.
0753 -- alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0810 -- alarm, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.
0851 -- fire dept. assist, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0927 -- suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1038 -- fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1136 -- 911 hang up, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1156 -- citizen assist, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1532 -- fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1955 -- property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Rawsonville
2004 -- animal complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2017 -- alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2216 -- fire dept. assist, Creekside
Wednesday, Feb. 28:
0552 -- fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
0715 -- fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0834 -- property damage accident, 47000 bl. Bemis
1116 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1150 -- assist other agency, out of township
1154 -- animal complaint, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1457 -- alarm, 21000 bl. Meri Dr.
1714 -- juvenile complaint, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
1737 -- juvenile complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1848 -- fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2004 -- trespassing complaint, Martinsville/Arkona
2151 -- 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Reed Rd.
2234 -- noise complaint, Country Club Blvd.
Thursday, March 1:
0132 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township
0145 -- property damage accident, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0920 -- fire dept. assist, Timberlane Dr.
0933 -- harassment complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter
1333 -- animal complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1554 -- down wires, Oakville Waltz/Haggerty
1634 -- down wires, Lohr/Sully
1711 -- animal complaint, Willow/Clark
1846 -- property damage accident, 41000 bl. Judd
1925 -- traffic hazard, Sherwood/Willow
1931 -- property damage accident, Carleton West/ Judd
2004 -- 911 hangup, Wayside Dr.
2155 -- fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
Friday, March 2:
0114 -- fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
0635 -- down wires, Willow/Elwell
0724 -- assist other agency, Rawsonville/Judd
0809 -- citizen assist, Sumpter/Kozma
0907 -- reckless driver, Bemis/Savage
0913 -- down wires, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1036 -- down wires, 25000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1140 -- 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1353 -- citizen assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1607 -- alarm, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
1658 -- citizen assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2020 -- suspicious incident, Savage/Harris
2146 -- fight, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Saturday, March 3:
0841 -- fire dept. assist, Arizona
1207 -- fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1404 -- well-being check, 39000 bl. Wear Rd.
1424 -- noise complaint, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1505 -- mental health commitment, Rustic Ln.
1907 -- reckless driver, Karr/Willow
2029 -- mental health commitment, 44000 bl. Wear
Also on this week's log are eight follow-up investigations, 27 miscellaneous details, 81 patrol checks, and 48 traffic stops.

Clarification: Willis Post Office not closing

In the March 1 issue of the *Independent*, Mary Ban is quoted as saying that the Willis Post Office has been taken over by the Ypsilanti Post Office.

She said what she meant to say is that the packages she sends from the Willis Post Office go next to the Ypsilanti Post Office, which has had many problems.

She said she does not wish to say the Willis Post Office is closing. It isn't.

Rosemary Otzman, editor

"I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interaction. The world will have a generation of idiots."
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The newspaper welcomes Ridge Road Church of Christ in Ypsilanti to our church directory. They're located at 1770 Ridge Road and offer Sunday Bible study at 10 a.m., services at 11 a.m. and Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m. The church minister is Leonard White. Visit their website at wwwridgeroadcoc.org . You, too, can list your church in our directory for just $75 for 13 weeks. To learn more, call me at (734) 699-9020.

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Fish and seafood specials are back in time for Lent at Leo's Coney Island on Belleville Road. There's also breakfast specials starting at $2.99, daily lunch and dinner specials with buy-one-get-one deals with their ad coupons in today's paper. There's other coupons for dollars off, too. See their ad in today's paper and call (734) 697-1000. They're open Monday through Saturday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sundays, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Children will enjoy face painting and balloons every Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. And, the restaurant has just added music by Belleville's Tyrone on Tuesdays, also from 6 to 8 p.m. To check out their menu, visit www.leosconeyisland.com .

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Moving the Mitten Real Estate Group of Belleville is offering a free home buyer seminar this evening, March 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. at their downtown office at 337 Main Street. Topics include learning how to qualify, the home buying process, and negotiating strategies. The event will also include pizza and salad. Space is limited and participants can register at mwtm-hbs2018.eventbrite.com . Registration is also free.

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Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter will be holding their monthly pet adoption clinics starting with this Saturday, March 10, at the Pet Emporium at 2394 E. Stadium Blvd. in Ann Arbor and then next Saturday, March 17, at the Petco Pet Store on Warren Road across from Westland Mall. Both events are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (734) 461-9458.

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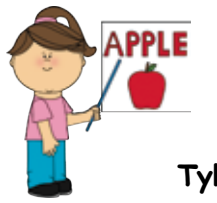

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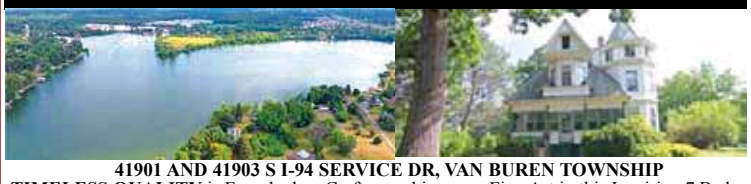

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